

Board of Sumter County Commissioners

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SUMTER COUNTY CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LICENSING BOARD March 2, 2010 @ 6:00 PM

Staff Present: Derrill McAteer - County Attorney, Robert Kegan - Building Official, William Dixon - Chief Plans Examiner, Lee Hartman - Chief Inspector, and Martha Oliver - Building Support Technician/Acting Secretary.

Board Members Present: Ken House- Chairman, Gary Smith - Vice-Chairman, Bill Costner, Scott Bowling, Charlie Flores, and Tangie Staton.

Board members Patrick Daugherty, Lorenzo Brooks, and Steve Rooney were absent.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. House at 6:00 PM and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Staton moved to enter the minutes of the 2/2/10 meeting as presented into the record. The motion was seconded by Mr. Costner and carried unanimously.

Mr. Brooks entered the meeting at 6:09 PM.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Applicant Name: Diaz, Warren C.
Company Name: Malin-Diaz Irrigation
Trade: Irrigation Contractor

Mr. Diaz was not present to present his application as an irrigation contractor at the February 2, 2010 licensing board meeting; therefore, the Board tabled the request in order for the applicant to be present to address concerns regarding his credit report.

Mr. Costner moved to remove Mr. Diaz's application from the table. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The applicant was present and sworn in. The Licensing staff declared the application submittal complete and recommended approval to grant a competency card.

After lengthy discussion regarding concerns with Mr. Diaz's credit report, Ms. Staton moved to grant the applicant, Diaz, Warren C. / Malin-Diaz Irrigation a competency card as an Irrigation Contractor. Mr. Costner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rooney entered the meeting at 6:13 PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) *Applicant Name: Rusu, Benjamin Gary*
Company Name: Lake-Sumter Air Conditioning, Inc.
Trade: Electrical Contractor

The applicant was not present to request a Change of Status from one business entity to another. Licensing staff explained Mr. Rusu had applied for a competency card under the business name of All About Air & Heat, Inc; however, due to the Division of Corporation rejecting his company name, he had to choose a different name. Mr. Rusu has submitted the required paper work for the name change; therefore, staff recommended approval.

Ms. Staton abstained from voting due to Mr. Rusu being her brother-in-law. Ms. Staton was given a Form 8B Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County, Municipal, and other Local Public Officers.

Mr. Bowling moved to grant the applicant Rusu, Gary B. / Lake-Sumter Air Conditioning a Change of Status from one business entity to another. Mr. Brooks seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with Ms. Staton abstaining.

- 2) *Applicant Name: Strickland, Joseph Pickett Jr.*
Company Name: Strickland Electric of Sumter, Inc.
Trade: Electrical Contractor

The applicant was present and sworn in and requested a Change of Status from one business entity to another. Licensing staff declared the application submittal complete and recommended approval of the Change of Status from one business entity to another.

Mr. Costner moved to grant the applicant, Strickland, Joseph P., Jr. / Strickland Electric of Sumter, Inc., a Change of Status from one business entity to another. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

- 3) *Applicant Name: Hezlep, John III*
Company Name: John Hezlep III, Inc.
Trade: Electrical Contractor

The applicant was present and sworn in. Licensing staff declared the application submittal complete and recommended approval to grant a competency card. The Board discussed their concerns regarding Mr. Hezlep's credit report. Mr. Hezlep submitted a document

from Suncoast Schools Credit Bureau stating the civil judgment in 2004 reflected on his credit report is actually his brother's judgment. This document was entered into the record and placed in his file for evidence.

Mr. Brooks moved to reinstate the applicant's, Hezlep, John III / John Hezlep III, Inc. competency card as an Electrical Contractor. Mr. Costner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

- 4) *Applicant Name: Garcia, Fabian*
Company Name: Electrical Design, LLC
Trade: Electrical contractor

The applicant was present and sworn in. Licensing staff declared the application submittal complete and recommended approval to grant a competency card. Board members discussed their concerns regarding Mr. Garcia's credit report; however, after lengthy discussion, the concerns were addressed.

Mr. Rooney moved to grant the applicant, Garcia, Fabian / Electrical Design, LLC a competency card as an Electrical Contractor. Ms. Staton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Kegan presented a memo regarding conditions for mandatory appearance by the applicant before the Board.

Mr. Kegan stated while reviewing/submitting an application for a competency card or local license, the following conditions will require a mandatory board appearance:

- 1) Violations/Complaints
- 2) Credit score below 600
- 3) More than 2 delinquencies on credit report
- 4) Tax liens
- 5) Bankruptcies

The procedure will be as follows:

- 1) At the discretion of the staff, a temporary card may be issued.
- 2) The applicant will be informed in writing via certified mail that appearance before the board is mandatory.

After reviewing the Licensing Ordinance, Mr. Smith moved to modify item numbers 2, 3, 4, and 5 to reflect Personal, Business, or Corporate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and carried unanimously.

Ms. Oliver informed the Board the Division of Worker's Compensation will no longer renew exemption form DWC 250 if the contractor has not kept their corporation active with the Division of Corporations. If the corporation does not remain active, the contractor will have to change the corporation name, which will require the contractor to file for a Change of Status with his local competency card and State Registration with the Department of Business and Professional Regulations.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.